An Invitation from the Director



This year's Project Development Conference, "Practical Solutions for Transportation Systems," includes nationally known keynote speakers, more than twenty breakout session topics, informative exhibitors, generous sponsors, and an awards banquet. I invite you to join your transportation colleagues in exploring new ways we can work together to fulfill the mission of delivering safe, environmentally sensitive, and practical transportation solutions to the public with the resources at hand.

Pamela Lowe, PE
Director

Idaho Transportation Department

Missouri Department of Transportation

Since 2005, MoDOT has implemented and embraced Practical Design which has led to their huge success in delivering projects to meet specific location needs while saving millions of dollars. In just its first two years, Practical Design saved Missouri taxpayers \$400 million. Even when faced with increased construction costs, Practical Design helped the Central District deliver a critical transportation project by reducing project costs by more than 15 percent. Their secret, MoDOT engineers strive to build the most efficient solutions to transportation problems instead of routinely applying generic standards across the board.



Lane Beattie



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President Beattie assumed leadership of the Salt Lake Chamber in July 2003. For over 25 years, Beattie has been a real estate broker and developer by profession and actively involved in bettering Utah's economic development. He was elected to the Utah State Senate in 1989 and served as Senate Majority Whip, Majority Leader, and as the Utah Senate President until Gov. Leavitt appointed him as State Olympic Officer in June 2000. As a Senator, Beattie proposed and implemented sweeping changes in the legislative process which saved the taxpayers millions of dollars. In his role as State Olympic Officer, Beattie coordinated the legal, financial and inter-government arrangements for Utah's hosting of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Anne P. Canby

Ms. Canby is nationally recognized as a progressive leader in the transportation field for transforming a traditional highway agency (DelDOT) into a multimodal mobility provider. She is also a staunch advocate for integrating land-use and transportation planning. Ms. Canby currently serves as President of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership (STPP), a national advocacy coalition for transportation reform. She sits on the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and received the 2006 Carey Distinguished Service Award for outstanding leadership and service to transportation research and the TRB.



Awards Banquet Speaker, Dr. Michael S. Sweeney



Dr. Michael S. Sweeney is the head of the department of journalism and communication at Utah State University in Logan, where he has taught print journalism since 1996. Dr. Sweeney has written eight books for the National Geographic, including "On the Move," a history of American transportation. In 2004, he was awarded the Thomas McKean Memorial Cup from the Antique Automobile Club of America, which honors automotive historical research on the basis of accuracy and the use to which the research is put. Dr. Sweeney currently serves as president of the Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication.